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Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the above referenced application are respectfully requested.

Entry of these changes prior to initial examination of this application subsequent to the concurrently-filed RCE are respectfully requested.

In the last official action, the claims stood rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 as allegedly being anticipated by Bjorn, alone or in view of secondary references. This contention has been obviated by rewriting, and re-presenting, all of the claims herein. As amended, the claims define that both a biometric part and a code is entered, and both these items are used to obtain the cryptographic key. Bjorn does not teach or suggest this feature.

The dependent claims define further features, not taught or suggested by any of the prior art in this case.

No fees are believed necessary beyond those already paid via EFS. However, please charge any fees due in connection with this response (small entity) to Deposit Account No. 50-1387.

Respectfully submitted,

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